

2009 Montana Stimulus Projects/Programs
DNRC Summary
12/30/2008 UPDATED

<u>DNRC Division</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Forestry	Mill Revolving Loan Funds	\$10,000,000
	Biomass Project Loans/Grants	\$10,000,000
	Forest Health, Hazardous Fuel Reduction Projects	\$5,000,000
	Habitat for Humanities Housing Material Fund	\$5,000,000
	<i>Urge USFS to Implement Forest Health, Thinning & Hazardous Fuel Reduction Programs</i>	
RWRCC	Blackfeet Water Compact Projects	\$23,529,000
	Ft. Belknap Water Compact Projects	\$2,000,000
WRD	Dam Repair	\$13,933,704
CARDD	Regional Water Projects	\$44,550,000
	Drinking Water Projects	\$217,787,332
	Waste Water Projects	\$284,132,084
	Conservation District Restoration Projects	\$46,082,807
	Conservation District Dam Projects	\$75,069,000
	Irrigation Projects	\$43,882,993
	RDGP Restoration Projects	\$57,934,408
	Flood Control Projects	\$575,813
Total		\$839,477,141

<u>Project Time Frames (Days)</u>	<u># of Projects</u>
0-30	97
30-60	73
60-90	37
90-120	115
Total Projects	322

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Date: January 14, 2009

To: Natural Resources Budget Subcommittee, Galen Hollenbaugh, Chair

From: Mary Sexton, DNRC Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Sexton".

Re: 7% Strategies

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation has discussed the ramifications of a 7% vacancy savings requirement for the 2011 biennium. While this requirement has its challenges, we believe that we have the strategies and options to implement the vacancy savings effectively. Following are the approaches that DNRC would utilize to achieve the savings:

- Analyze all retirements and each vacancy to determine the length each positions could remain vacant based on agency priority and need.
- Prepare internal solutions and proposals for vacancy savings by division.
- Craft an overall assessment department-wide whereby larger divisions may be asked to assist smaller divisions.
- Focus on time-specific needs of the department such as fire or litigation.
- Utilize 17-7-304, MCA, and dedicate any 30% reversionary funds to compensate for vacancy savings requirements. An average \$295,000 is requested from reversion funds annually.
- Analyze a federal stimulus bill for attached administrative funds allowing for the agency to contract for services needed to implement various programs. Utilize DNRC Restoration Coordinator assist with implementation of stimulus bill and FTE needs.